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# A Website Review: The World Bank eLibrary

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to uncover all of **Malcolm's** public events during the last month of his life. It includes speeches, press conferences, and interviews, together presenting the most complete picture of **Malcolm's** evolving beliefs.

Two excellent analyses of **Malcolm's** life and thought are found in **Joe Wood's** *Malcolm X: In Our Own Image* and **Robert Terrill's** *Cambridge Companion to Malcolm X*.<sup>10-11</sup> **Wood's** collection includes essays by **Amiri Baraka**, **Angela Davis**, **Cornel West**, and **John Edgar Wideman** and covers topics such as the *Autobiography*, sexuality, black nationalism, and cultural politics. **Terrill's** compilation includes more prominent scholars on topics including conservatism, the Black Arts movement, masculinity, feminism, and Afrocentricity. **James Cone's** *Martin and Malcolm and America* was the first substantive attempt to provide a serious analysis of **Malcolm's** political thought.<sup>12</sup> **Cone's** work compares **Malcolm** and **Martin Luther King, Jr.**, concluding that although they are often counterposed, they are actually complementary in their vision for racial justice. **William Sales' From Civil Rights to Black Revolution** is the only book-length study of the OAAU.<sup>13</sup> **Sales** locates the OAAU in the context of a new type of civil rights organization and also examines **Malcolm's** political thought.

For quick reference, the *Malcolm X Encyclopedia* contains short entries on nearly all aspects of **Malcolm's** life and political activities.<sup>14</sup> Each signed entry contains short bibliographies, and the encyclopedia also includes a chronology of **Malcolm's** life and several introductory essays on his main speeches, relation to the **NOI**, and his assassination.

*Malcolm X: A Research Site* endeavors to be a comprehensive site on the life and legacy of **Malcolm X**.<sup>15</sup> Launched by **Abdul Alkalimat**, professor of African American studies at the **University of Illinois**, it includes the text of two out-of-print bibliographies on **Malcolm** and listings of books, articles, dissertations, films, a webliography, and photos.

**Malcolm X** remains a captivating public figure, perhaps due in part to his polarizing

and complex history. Works covering his experiences and ideological output may be found in collections supporting history, American studies, African American studies, literature, politics, and more. For students and readers seeking primary and secondary materials, the titles discussed here represent some of the most significant works on **Malcolm X** and provide insight into his life, thoughts, and legacy. 🌿

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\*Editor's note: An asterisk (\*) denotes a title selected for *Resources for College Libraries*.

## A Website Review — The World Bank eLibrary

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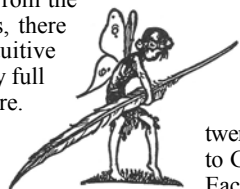
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